

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: February 23, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:01 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCEATTENDING MEMBERS

Lonnell Conley, Chairman
Patrice Abdullah
Mary Moriarty Adams
Jim Bradford
Ginny Cain
Scott Keller
Dane Mahern
Angela Mansfield
Mike Speedy

ABSENT MEMBERS**AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 492, 2005 - authorizes speed limit reductions throughout the Smithfield subdivision (District 25)
"Tabled" Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 90, 2006 - reappoints Al Finnell to the Board of Public Works
"Postponed" Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 91, 2006 - reappoints Greg Taylor to the Board of Public Works
"Do Pass" Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 92, 2006 - approves and authorizes execution of agreements between the City of Indianapolis and Hendricks County, Indiana, for the exercise of eminent domain authority and the construction of bridge and road improvements in Marion and Hendricks Counties
"Do Pass" Vote: 8-1

PROPOSAL NO. 93, 2006 - approves the contract with the Indianapolis Power and Light Company to provide energy for public lighting, including street lighting, for streetlights and traffic signals owned by the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, and authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute the contract
"Do Pass" Vote: 9-0

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PROPOSAL NO. 94, 2006 - authorizes a change in parking restrictions on Monument Circle and the Circle Spokes (Districts 15, 16)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 95, 2006 - authorizes an all-way stop at the intersection of Trotter Road and Mooresville Road (District 22)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, February 23, 2006. Chair Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Mary Moriarty Adams, Jim Bradford, Dane Mahern, Scott Keller, Mike Speedy, Ginny Cain and Angela Mansfield.

PROPOSAL NO. 492, 2005 - authorizes speed limit reductions throughout the Smithfield subdivision (District 25)

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Abdullah, to "Table" Proposal No. 492, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 90, 2006 - reappoints Al Finnell to the Board of Public Works

Chairman Conley stated that he had just received word that Al Finnell had resigned from the board.

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor Bradford, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 90, 2006. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 91, 2006 - reappoints Greg Taylor to the Board of Public Works

Councillor Bradford stated that Greg Taylor has been before the committee several times and this is a reappointment. He said that the committee should vote to reappoint Mr. Taylor in his absence.

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to send Proposal No. 91, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 92, 2006 - approves and authorizes execution of agreements between the City of Indianapolis and Hendricks County, Indiana, for the exercise of eminent domain authority and the construction of bridge and road improvements in Marion and Hendricks Counties

Mickey Rogers, DPW, stated that Hendricks County has approached DPW about constructing, three projects on Raceway Road: Located at Morris Street and Raceway Road, 21st Street and Raceway Road, and 56th Street and Raceway Road. Mr. Rogers stated that because the projects are all on the county line, Hendricks County has the responsibility for maintenance of that county line. However, in order to complete these projects, they will need to do some work inside Marion County, including the acquisition of some small portion of real estate on the Marion County side. Hendricks County has agreed to take on all costs for the construction design and land acquisition of these projects at no expense to the City of Indianapolis or Marion County. DPW does have the review ability to approve these three projects as far as they relate to the Marion County side. Mr. Rogers stated that DPW has been in communication with Hendricks

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County and is fully supportive of these projects.

Councillor Abdullallah asked why it is necessary that these projects require Eminent Domain. Mr. Rogers stated that these projects require additional right of way along the sides of these roads and if the owners of the property do not agree with the offer, they have the ability to turn that down and then Hendricks County would proceed with the exercise of Eminent Domain. He added that this is not a situation where the property would be acquired without any compensation to the landowners, so Eminent Domain is there just in case they need it.

Councillor Speedy asked in what direction the changes would impact the traffic for these projects. John Ayres, Hendricks County Engineer, stated that the Morris Street and 21st Street project is primarily east and west. The project at 56th Street, is a part of a larger project for the road, and it is also east and west.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Speedy, to send Proposal No. 92, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-1 with Councillor Bradford casting the negative vote.

PROPOSAL NO. 93, 2006 - approves the contract with the Indianapolis Power and Light Company to provide energy for public lighting, including street lighting, for streetlights and traffic signals owned by the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, and authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute the contract

Victoria Cluck gave a presentation of the public light contract for streetlights and traffic signals with Indianapolis Power and Light Company (IPL).

Some key points were:

- The City pays about \$6.5 million for streetlights and traffic signals each year.
- The contract will provide maintenance and electricity of about 30,000 streetlights. IPL maintains the street lighting system.
- DPW pays for streetlights on thoroughfares, major arterial, and other streets to light the transportation system, which includes about 29,000 lights.
- Not all streetlights are covered in this contract
- Some Management Efficiencies will be the GIS data for planning, contract management and billing reconciliation, and the City will receive credits for outages.
- IPL will replace mercury vapor lamps with more energy efficient lamps, worth \$2.25 million over 3 years.
- The energy efficiency projects will continue to save \$200,000 per year in future contracts.

Fred Mills, IPL, stated that IPL is very excited about this new contract and that it will produce some savings. He said that IPL looks forward to getting started on this contract.

Councillor Mansfield asked if there were criteria that could be made public as to why the cost for lighting has increased. Ms. Cluck stated that there are a lot of variables that would play a part in

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determining the cost. Mr. Mills stated that IPL would look at how much it would cost to do a lighting project, and then IPL would estimate the revenue that it would bring in for five years. If it is a normal project then it usually works itself out so that there is no cost to the customer. He said that if there are projects that require more, then that is when the cost starts to climb for the customer.

Councillor Bradford asked if the light poles that are damaged could be replaced with a pole of the same type or color. Mr. Mills stated that some of the light poles that are out there are no longer being created and IPL is trying to get a standard type of pole. He said that the poles that they had could be painted to blend in with the others.

Councillor Mahern stated that the best thing is that this contract does not cost the taxpayers of Marion County anything. He asked if the City has to pay for streetlights that are not working. Ms. Cluck stated answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Speedy asked if there was a contact number for streetlights. Mr. Mills answered in the affirmative and added that anyone needing that number could find it in the phonebook.

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to send Proposal No. 93, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0

Councillor Cockrum stated that he wanted to thank the IPL organization for participating in the Indigence Operations since day one.

PROPOSAL NO. 94, 2006 - authorizes a change in parking restrictions on Monument Circle and the Circle Spokes (Districts 15, 16)

Nathan Sheets, Traffic Project Manger for DPW, stated that this proposal will add two additional hours to the parking on Monument Circle and the Circle spokes. He stated that this will allow visitors to park downtown up until 11 p.m.

{Clerks Note: Councillor Moriarty Adams left at 6:00 p.m.}

Councillor Bradford stated that this time should go until 1:00 a.m. to give people that are attending events a longer amount of time to park. Councillor Abduallah stated that this area is in his district and he would support changing the time to 1:00 am. Mr. Rogers stated that the request came from the Indianapolis Police Department Chief, and he is not sure if they would have any objections to extend that time from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Chairman Conley stated that if this proposal is passed as, there would still be enough time to revisit this proposal to address extending the time from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to send Proposal No. 94, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0

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PROPOSAL NO. 95, 2006 - authorizes an all-way stop at the intersection of Trotter Road and Mooresville Road (District 22)

Councillor Cockrum stated that within a three-year period there has been a huge increase in accidents at this intersection. The population is growing in this area and the accidents are getting more serious. Mr. Sheets stated that based upon traffic volume this intersection would not meet the necessary warrants, but based upon the number, of accidents the proposal would meet the necessary warrants. He said that a multi-stop may or may not reduce the number of accidents at the intersection. Mr. Sheets said that you may see an increase in the number of accidents but just a different type of accident. He said that the accidents that are occurring are right angle accidents, which are more severe than rear-end accidents that may start occurring with a multi-way stop.

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to send Proposal No. 95, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0

Chairman Conley congratulated Mickey Rogers on taking Susan Preble place in DPW. .

Conclusion

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lonnell Conley, Chairman

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